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SUBJ: ALLENBY BRIDGE CROSSINGS

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- 1. THE JORDANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUIRES ALL PERSONS HOLDING A DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORT TO HAVE A BRIDGE CROSSING REQUEST FORWARDED BY A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM EMBASSY AMMAN.
- 2. THE MFA REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF TEN REPEAT TEN WORKING DAYS NOTIFICATION TO PROCESS A BRIDGE CROSSING PERMIT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. THIS APPLIES TO RELATIVES TRAVELLING WITH OFFICIAL PERSONS EVEN WHEN THE RELATIVE IS TRAVELLING ON A TOURIST PASSPORT.
- 3. REQUIRED INFORMATION INCLUDES FULL NAME (NO INITIALS) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, DATE AND PLACE OF PASSPORT ISSUANCE FOR PASSPORT TO BE USED FOR TRAVEL IN ARAB COUNTRIES, TYPE OF PASSPORT, CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, AND DATE AND HOUR OF CROSSING IN EACH DIRECTION. REQUESTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM BRIDGE AND FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN AMMAN MAY BE MADE IN THE SAME CABLE.

- 4. TELEGRAMS MUST BE CLASSIFIED LOU AND SHOULD BE SENT ACTION AMMAN AND TEL AVIV AND INFO JERUSALEM.
- 5. VISAS FOR JORDAN MAY BE OBTAINED AT JORDANIAN

EMBASSIES ABROAD OR UPON ARRIVAL AT AMMAN AIRPORT.

- 6. TOURISTS MAY OBTAIN A BRIDGE CROSSING PERMIT THROUGH A TRAVEL AGENCY IN AMMAN AFTER ARRIVING IN AMMAN OR GO PERSONALLY TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR A BRIDGE CROSSING PERMIT. TOURISTS MUST BE IN AMMAN 48 HOURS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT.
- 7. TRAVEL IS ROUND TRIP FROM JORDAN TO THE WEST BANK BUT ONE WAY FROM THE WEST BANK INTO JORDAN FOR TOURISTS.
- 8. THE BRIDGE IS OPEN FROM 0800 HOURS UNTIL 1400 HOURS SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND UNTIL 1200 HRS ON FRIDAYS. THE BRIDGE IS CLOSED EVERY SATURDAY AND ON SOME ISRAELI HOLIDAYS.
- 9. ALL TOURISTS SHOULD SPECIFICALLY REQUEST ISRAELIS NOT TO STAMP THEIR PASSPORTS. SUDDARTH

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